PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 30-5-1986, a boy died of drowning in the Swimming pool of Rajdoot Hotel. Enquiries revealed that it was an accidental case of drowning and no foul play was suspected. Postmortem examination was waived at the instance of the parents of the deceased.

On 31-5-1986, a girl died of drowning in the swimming pool of Hotel Samrat. The postmartem report has confirmed the death due to drowning. The inquest proceedings under Section 174 Cr. P.C. are being conducted.

(c) 21 swimming pool licences have been issued so far. So far 9 unlicensed pools have been detected. Action under Delhi Police Act is being taken against such swimming pools. The functioning of the swimming pools is covered under the swimming pool regulations, 1980.

(d) Surprise checks are made by the licensing Authority and the local Police to ensure that the swimming pools adhere to the rules and guidelines laid down for their running.

Firing at BSF helicopter by terrorists in Punjab

506. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some terrorists fired at a low firing BSF helicopter in Punjab;

(b) if so, whether any damage was caused to the helicopter;

(c) what was the number of terrorists killed in retaliatory firing by the security men aboard the helicopter; and

(d) whether the link of those so killed have been established with Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Murders, dacoities in Delhi

507. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of dacoities, murders, including the murder in the house of the Punjab M.L.A.—that took place in Delhi during the last two months, and

(b) the number of culprits apprehended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) One case of dacoity and 60 cases of murder were reported to Delhi Police during the last two months (May & June, 1986). The murder of a person in the house of an MLA from Punjab took place on 4-7-1986.

(b) No person has been arrested in the dacoity case so far. In 60 cases of murders, 87 persons have been arrested.

Communal violence in Ahmedabad

508. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was communal violence in Ahmedabad on the 9th July, 1986, during the annual 'Rath Yatra' procession;

(b) if so, the number of persons killed and injured in the violence;

(c) whether last year also there was communal violence in Ahmedabad;

(d) if so, the number of persons then killed and injured;

(e) what were the reasons for the communal violence; and

(f) what action has been taken by the Central Government to check such violence effectively and the measures taken to ensure that such violence does not occur again?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat 49 persons have been killed and 177 injured.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) According to the information furnished by the Government of Gujarat 6 persons were killed (5 in police/army firing) and 9 were injured.

(e) The communal violence on both the occasions has been the handiwork of the miscreants and anti-social elements.

(f) The question of controlling communal disturbances and maintaining communal amity is constantly engaging the attention of the Central Government. Though the primary responsibility of maintenace of peace rests with the State Governments, the Central Government remains in constant touch with them in order to ensure communal harmony. Material support in terms of para-military forces and equipment is provided to State Governments as and when occasion arises or demands are made to enable them to effectively manage and control the riot situation on ground. Timely alerts are sounded and guidance and advice provided, as and when required. A detailed guidelines for effective control of communal violence which was reviwed and revised in 1985, has also been circulated amongst all the State Governments.

Drugs addiction among Tihar Jail Inmates

509. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the growing menace of drug addiction among a sizeable number of Tihar Jail inmates; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in regard thereto and what instructions have been issued to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Apart from routine search, surprise searches have been increased. All known addicts are kept under strict surveillance. In addition, de-addiction programme is conducted from time to time as a welfare measure.

Proposal to introduce dress pattern for Government employees

510. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to introduce a new dress pattern for its employees.

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what is the purpose behind this move;

(d) by when the orders in this regard are likely to be issued; and

(e) whether a copy of the orders giving guidelines in this regard will be laid on the Table of the House?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) There is no proposal to introduce any new dress pattern for Government employees.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.